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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the final Office Action dated May 23, 2006, and is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate petition for extension of time. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.